

Listing of Claims:

The present listing of claims replaces all prior versions.

1 – 27 Cancelled.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of constructing a conveyor, the method comprising:

forming a belt platform as a unitary component from a single sheet of metal;

forming a platform support arrangement as a unitary component from a single sheet of metal; [[and]]

supporting said belt platform on said platform support arrangement, wherein said platform support arrangement is formed by bending to provide integral leg structures that extend [[transversely]] underneath the belt platform;

and

securing the belt platform support arrangement by means of a retainer without welding or using threaded fasteners.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the belt platform and the platform support arrangement are formed as an integral unit from a single sheet of metal.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the surfaces of the belt platform and of the platform support arrangement are formed to have a shape so that in use substantially all of the exposed surfaces are non-horizontal to promote self cleaning and draining.

31. (CANCELED)